

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING
November 28, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 6:20 p.m. by Commissioner, John Keshick III.

Roll Call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Vice-Chair/Secretary, Debra Browne; and Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III.

Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon excused.

Commission Absent: 1 vacant position.

NRD Staff: Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven; Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis; Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr.; Inland Fisheries Biologist, Bill Parsons; Great Lakes Biologist, Stephen Lenart and Administrative Assistant, Fiona Banfield.

Guest: Tribal members, John Keshick II, Nate Stead, Ronald Willis Sr., Roger Willis, and Fred Holdorph

Public Comment: Opened at 6:21 p.m. and closed at 6:22 p.m. no comment.

NRC reviewed the agenda.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to adopt the agenda with corrections, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant Motion Carried

The Natural Resource Commission held a drawing for the first three elk permits. The commission drew six names for the three permits. The top three will have their choice of permits and if for some reason they cannot make the dates then the permits will be offered to the next three in line.

Top three

1. Jeannie Norris
2. Samuel Worthington
3. Mike Givens

Alternates

1. Nate Stead
2. Robin Gould
3. David LaCroix

6:27 p.m. Tribal members, Roger Willis, Ronald Willis Sr., Nate Stead and John Keshick II leave.

NRC reviewed the Minutes of October 10, 2007 and November 14, 2007.

Motion made by Treasurer Daugherty Johnson III to adopt the Minutes of October 10, 2007 and November 14, 2007 into the record, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Natural Resource Director's Report: Doug Craven, NRD Director

- CORA contracts are up for renewal. We anticipate that this will be brought up at the next CORA meeting.
- Earlier this week we had a conference call regarding the elk permits. The call was to determine which Tribe would receive the extra permits.
- Mark Holtzer from EDS will be giving a presentation at the CORA on the new licensing system.
- The new regulations will go into affect on December 1, 2007. Postcards were sent to licensed tribal members.
- Natural Resource Director, Doug Craven met with the DEQ and MDNR. We were able to resolve the issue that the MDNR had with Bell's dock. We are going to move the dock 25ft to the south to be in compliance with the DEQ.
- We have been working on the aquatic species protocol with the Environmental Services Department.
- There is a US Forest Service on November 30, 2007 in St Ignace.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to accept the Natural Resource Directors verbal report as presented by Doug Craven, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Conservation Law Enforcement Report: LTBB Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis

- Firearm season has been quiet. The Conservation Officers have seen several of our tribal members hunting.
- We were able to get a snowmobile, 4-wheeler, and an inland boat for the conservation department with the COPS grant money.
- Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis spoke with a gentleman from the Petoskey News Review about the albino deer that was brought in.

Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to accept the Conservation Law Enforcement verbal report as presented by Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis, Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III supports.

**3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Great Lakes Biologist Report: LTBB Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist, Stephen Lenart

- 2007 Lake Trout assessments are done. The egg nets have been removed. The data should be available by the end of the year.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to accept the Great Lakes Biologist written report as presented by Great Lakes Biologist, Stephen Lenart, Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant Motion Carried

Inland Biologist Report: LTBB Inland Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr.

- We requested a necropsy on the eagle that we turned into the Federal government repository.
- The US Fish and Wildlife Service sent us a letter to thank us for helping with the Sea Lamprey trap.
- Several loons from the Sturgeon Bay area have been found with botulism.

Motion made by Vice-chair, Debra Browne to accept the Inland Biologist Report as presented by Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr., Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant Motion Carried.

7:34 p.m. Break

7:34 p.m. Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima Jr.; Inland Fisheries Biologist, Bill Parsons and Tribal Member Fred Holdorph leave.

Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist, Stephen Lenart and Fisheries Enhancement Researcher, Randy Seymour has been working on information regarding the boat and net program. Information regarding the annual cost of maintenance, the cost of nets and equipment since the program started is included in the packet.

Discussion was held on CORA/ILWRC. The commission talked about what they would like to see as far as ILWRC. There were many ideas brought forward. Commission will discuss these in detail at a later meeting.

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to go into executive session at 9:12 p.m., Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant Motion Carried

Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to come out of executive session at 9:19 p.m., Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.

3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant Motion Carried

Public Comment: Opened at 9:21 p.m. and closed at 9:23 p.m. no public present to comment.

**Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Vice-chair, Debra Browne supports.
3 Yes 0 No 1 Absent (Associate Commissioner, Harmon) 0 Abstained 1 Vacant
Motion Carried**

Next scheduled meeting December 12, 2007.

Approved:

Debra S. Browne, Vice-Chair/Secretary

Date